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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Josh:

We here at the University of Hawaii are faced with a dilemma, the undersigned was recently appointed chairman of the department. Aside from this the University of Hawaii is growing and making admirable advances in almost every direction. One of our major problems is ^{the} assignment of modernizing, improving ~~our~~ teaching along with attempts to wedge in a little credit for creditable research.

In our department we have the full time of approximately four people represented by the efforts of six senior staff members some of whom are part-time research people. In our course offerings we cover the biological aspects of Botany quite well except that we are very weak in Ecology and completely devoid of genetics talent. Likewise, the University of Hawaii has no course in what you and I might describe as the "Blinksian Type of Physiology of Protoplasts," which could be covered by physiological fungi and algae course. While we have no positions actually open at the moment, we would be very muchly interested in hearing a young, vigorous Ph.D. graduate who is anxious to teach a heavy teaching load, instill enthusiasm into students, and carry on a little research.*

With the very best of good wishes for Esther and yourself, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maxwell S. Doty".
Maxwell S. Doty

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* If the guy were real eager, we could even let him be head of the department, too.